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Fire & Rescue Division Hazardous Materials Section

ATTENTION ALL:

--- FREE TRAINING REGARDING CRUDE OIL RAIL TRANSPORTATION ---

This is a GREAT announcement, and training opportunity: -- Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad has just posted and announced that they are participating with the Pueblo, Colorado Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) to provide a 3-day training opportunity "Crude By Rail Emergency Response" at the SERTC. The training is FREE, and will be presented from July through December. BNSF will sponsor up to 736 students from all states through which their rail lines travel, not just California.

QUALIFICATIONS, RESTRICTIONS:

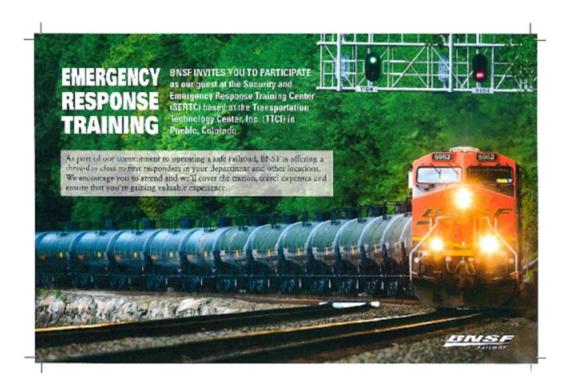
- In order for your agency AND designated attendee(s) to qualify for this free training, your agency must have (and verify) that a BNSF rail right-of-way travels through your jurisdiction, or, is within 10 miles, AND is a BNSF primary crude oil route. More information is included in the links below.
- 2. See and review attached map "Possible Routes For Crude Oil By Rail" and use as a guide, it is at the end of this letter, page 4. However, if there are questions or doubts, please contact the BNSF for verification and authentication.
- 3. The correct "Invitation Code" must be used as supplied by BNSF (see below).
- 4. If no BNSF rail route is in your jurisdiction or within 10 miles, but Union Pacific RR is, contact Union Pacific RR at csmayer@up.com or 402-544-5974 to obtain their correct "Invitation Code". Again, review the attached map to note the approximate location of UP lines in California.
- 5. Only 736 student positions are being allocated to BNSF, to be issued for the July through December classes. There are six other railroads participating in this training program at SERTC, Including UP. So, sign-ups may go fast.

- 6. BNSF will conduct a background check on the designated attendee(s). The other railroads are doing the same.
- 7. Only those costs as noted below will be waived or reimbursed by BNSF (or the sponsoring railroad).

WHAT TO DO:

- A. Please begin by viewing the attached PDF flyer "Emergency Response Training". It is at the end of this letter, page 3.
- B. The following BNSF link will provide you with <u>more information</u> on what the 3-day course will cover, how to register, what costs are covered which includes travel to and from Pueblo, CO., meals, baggage fees, parking, tuition, but no rental car. http://www.bnsf.com/communities/safety-and-security/SERTC/
- C. The following link contains the <u>training calendar</u> for this 3-day class, July through December, 2014 From it select the best 3-day venue suitable for you or your designated attendee(s): https://classic.regonline.com/custlmages/230000/239280/CRUDE_ONLY.pdf
- D. The following link will take you to the Security and Emergency Response Training Center (SERTC) where your designated attendee(s) will <u>register and select their calendar date</u>. It is important for the attendee to enter the <u>CORRECT "Invitation Code"</u> as supplied by BNSF (your Sponsoring Railroad), and that code is: **BNSF-CBR2014**, and to select "BNSF" as the "Sponsoring Railroad": https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1528624
- E. If you find that Union Pacific (UP) will be your "Sponsoring Railroad", you must obtain from them their "Invitation Code".

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Emergency Response Preparedness

BNSF will provide first responders with specialized hazmat training to respond to unlikely incidents involving crude oil.

3-day class (24 hours of instruction) • 60% field activity

TRAINING COVERS

- Chemical and physical properties of crude oil
- · Tank car design and damage assessment
- · Control and mitigation tactical methods
- Derailment full-scale exercise

CLASS INFORMATION

- 3-day class available July through Dec. 2014
- NO COST to attendee for tuition
- BNSF will reimburse attendees for reasonable travel expenses (air/car travel and hotel to be prepaid)
- Prerequisites: Firefighter I, Hazmat Operations or equivalent and background check conducted by SERTC

REGISTRATION

www.regonline.com/CBR Invitation Code: BNSF-CBR2014

MORE INFORMATION

www.bnsf.com/SERTC HazmatCommunityTraining@bnsf.com



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